# Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate, All Technical Specifications

## Inpatient Quality Indicators #34 (IQI #34)

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Provider-Level Indicator Type of Score: Rate

### **Description**

Vaginal births per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries.

[NOTE: The software provides the rate per previous Cesarean delivery. However, common practice reports the measure as per 1,000 previous Cesarean deliveries. The user must multiply the rate obtained from the software by 1,000 to report the number of vaginal births per 1,000 deliveries by patients with previous Cesarean deliveries.]

#### **Numerator**

Number of vaginal deliveries, identified by DRG or MS-DRG code, among cases meeting the inclusion and exclusion rules for the denominator.

#### Vaginal delivery DRG codes:

372	VAGINAL DELIVERY W COMPLICATING	374	VAGINAL DELIVERY W STERILIZATION
	DIAGNOSES		&/OR D&C
373	VAGINAL DELIVERY W/O	375	VAGINAL DELIVERY W O.R. PROC
	COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES		EXCEPT STERIL &/OR D&C

#### Vaginal delivery MS-DRG codes:

767	VAGINAL DELIVERY W STERILIZATION	774	VAGINAL DELIVERY W COMPLICATING
	&/OR D&C		DIAGNOSES
768	VAGINAL DELIVERY W O.R. PROC	775	VAGINAL DELIVERY W/O
	EXCEPT STERIL &/OR D&C		COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES

#### **Denominator**

All deliveries, identified by DRG or MS-DRG code, with any-listed ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for previous Cesarean delivery.

#### **Delivery DRG codes:**

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370	CESAREAN SECTION W CC	373	VAGINAL DELIVERY W/O COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES		
371	CESAREAN SECTION W/O CC	374	VAGINAL DELIVERY W STERILIZATION &/OR D&C		
372	VAGINAL DELIVERY W COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES	375	VAGINAL DELIVERY W O.R. PROC EXCEPT STERIL &/OR D&C		
Delivery MS-DRG codes:					
Delivery	MS-DRG codes:				
<b>Delivery</b> 765	MS-DRG codes:  CESAREAN SECTION W CC/MCC	768	VAGINAL DELIVERY W O.R. PROC EXCEPT STERIL &/OR D&C		
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#### **ICD-9-CM Previous Cesarean delivery diagnosis codes:**

65420	PREV C-SECT NOS-UNSPEC	65423	PREV C-SECT NOS-ANTEPART
65421	PREV C-SECT NOS-DELIVER		

#### Exclude cases:

• with missing gender (SEX=missing), age (AGE=missing), quarter (DQTR=missing), year (YEAR=missing) or principal diagnosis (DX1=missing)